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An Additional Act
For the better Observation of the
LORDSDAY.

Days of Humiliation and Thanksgiving.

Together with a Collection of former
Laws, Statutes & Ordinances
Now in force for observation of the said Days.



Die Veneris, Decimo nono Aprilis, 1650.

Ordere*d by the Parliament, That this Act, Statutes and Ordinances*
be forthwith printed and published.

. Hen: Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.

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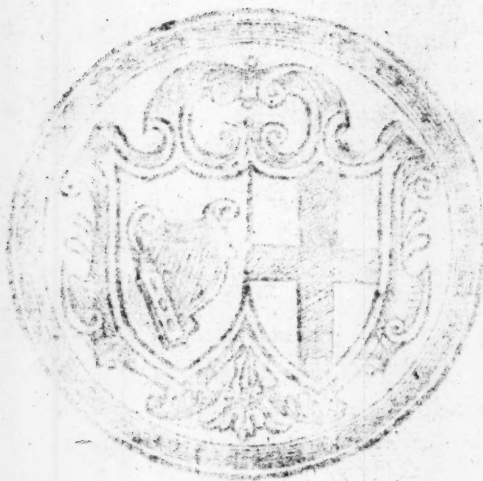
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Admittedly, the Environment, There is a lot of work to be done.

As follows:

Herbert C. Phillips

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the President of the United States to the Congress, dated January 1, 1861. It is a copy of the original letter, and is signed by Abraham Lincoln.

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An Additional Act
For the better Observation of the
LORDSDAY,
DAYS OF
THANKSGIVING
AND
HUMILIATION.



For the more effectual
executing of all such
Laws, Statutes and
Ordinances of Par-
liament, for the due
Observation & San-
ctification of the Lords-
Day, days of Pub-
lique Humiliation and
Thanksgiving; And
for the further pre-
venting the prophanation thereof, It is En-
acted and Declared by this present Parliament,
and by the Authority of the same, That all and

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every High Constable, Petty Constable, Headborough, Church-Warden or overseer of the Poor or other Officers, or any of the Governours of the Company of Watermen, upon their own view or knowledge of any the offence or offences committed or done against any Article, Clause or Provision of any the said Laws, Statutes or Ordinances; and all and every person and persons whatsoever, by warrant from any Justice of Peace, Major, Bayliff or other Head-Officer, are hereby authorized and required to seize and secure all such Wares or Goods cryed, shewed forth or put to sale upon the days and times aforesaid, contrary to this present Act, or any Statute or Ordinance of Parliament, to the end proceedings may be thereupon had, according to the true intent and meaning of this present Act, or any the said Laws, Statutes and Ordinances. And it is further Enacted, That no Traveller, Waggoner, Butcher, Higler, Drover, their or any of their Servants, shall travel or come into his or their Inn or Lodging, after twelve of the Clock on any Saturday night; nor shall any person travel from his house, Inn or other place, till after one a clock on Monday morning, without good and urgent cause, not incurred through the neglect or occasion of the person so doing, to be allowed by any Justice of the Peace or Head-Officer before whom complaint shall be made; upon pain that every such Traveller, Waggoner, Butcher, Higler, Drover and their Servants, and also every Inn-keeper and Alehouse-keeper that shall so entertain him or them, shall each of them forfeit ten shillings for every such offence. And if any writ, warrant or Order (except in
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case of Treason, Murder, Felony, or Breach of the Peace, prophanation of the Lords-day, days of Thanksgiving or Humiliation, or suspension of them or either or any of them) shall be from and after the first day of May, in the year One thousand six hundred and fifty, served or executed upon any the aforesaid days, every such execution of such writ, warrant or Order upon the said days respectively, shall be, and is hereby Declared to be of no effect; and the person or persons that shall serve or execute such writ, warrant or Order, or cause the same to be served or executed, shall forfeit and pay to the use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed, Five pounds, to be levied upon his or their Goods and Chattels in manner aforesaid, rendering the Overplus. And it is further Enacted and Declared by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall use, employ or travel upon the Lords-day, or the said Days of Humiliation or Thanksgiving, with any Boat, Wherry, Lighter, Barge, Horse, Coach or Sedan, either in the City of London or elsewhere (except it be to or from some place for the service of God, or upon other extraordinary occasion, to be allowed by the next Justice of Peace to the place where the said Fact shall be committed; upon pain that every such person or persons that shall use such Boat, Wherry, Lighter, Barge, Horse, Coach or Sedan, contrary to the true meaning of this present Act (except it be in the cases aforesaid) shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the sum of Ten shillings; and that every Boat-man, Sedan-man, Coach-man or other person, that shall so labor

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or trabel in or with any such Boat, Wherry, Lighter, Barge, Sedau, Horse or Coach, shall forfeit for every such offence, Five Shillings. And it is further Enacted and Declared, That every person and persons which upon the said Lords-Day, days of Humiliation or Thanksgiving, shall be in any Tavern, Inn, Alehouse, Tobacco-house or Shop, or Victualling-house (unless he lodge there, or be there upon some lawful or necessary occasion) to be allowed of by such Judge, Justice, or other person who is authorized by this Act to put the same in execution; and every person or persons which upon the said days shall be dancing, prophaneely singing, drinking or tipling in any Tavern, Inn, Alehouse, Victualling-house, or Tobacco-house or Shop, or shall harbor or entertain any person or persons so offending; or which shall grinde or cause to be ground in any Mill, any Corn or Grain upon any the said days, except in case of necessity, to be allowed by a Justice of the Peace, every such Offender shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Shillings for every such offence, to be levied as aforesaid. And for the more vigorous and due execution of the Laws, Statutes and Ordinances aforesaid, and of this present Act, It is hereby further Enacted, That every Justice of the Peace, Head-Officer or Officers of every Town Corporate or place, and every Constable, Headborough, Church-Warden, Overseer of the Poor, and Governors of the Company of Watermen, and other persons authorized as aforesaid, are hereby required and enjoined to make diligent search for the discovering, finding out, apprehending and punishing of

of all Offenders against this and other
 Laws, Ordinances and Acts made for
 the observation of the Lords Day, and
 days of Publique Fasting and Thank-
 giving: And if any the said Justices of
 the Peace, and other Officers aforesaid,
 upon view or information of any the said
 offences to be committed, shall be negli-
 gent, or refuse to do his duty in putting
 this or other the said Ordinances, Laws
 or Acts in execution, every such Justice of
 the Peace, or other head Officer, upon
 proof thereof before the Lord Chief Ju-
 stice of either Bench, or Lord Chief Ba-
 ron of the Exchequer, or before any Judge
 or Judges of Assize, by one or more Wit-
 nesses, or by view or confession of the par-
 ty, shall for every such Offence incur the
 penalty of Five pounds, and upon refusal
 of payment thereof, to be levied on his
 Goods or Chattels, by warrant from the
 said Lord Chief Justice, or Lord Chief
 Baron, Judge or Judges of Assize respec-
 tively, by distress and sale of the Goods of
 every such person, returning the overplus;
 and every High Constable, Petty Consta-
 ble, Church-Warden and other Officer, shall
 forfeit and pay for his neglect aforesaid, the
 sum of Twenty shillings; and for default of
 payment thereof, the same to be levied by
 warrant from any Justice of the Peace,
 directed to the High Constable of the Hun-
 dred, or other Officer where the Offence
 shall be committed, for the levying of the
 said penalty by way of distress and sale of
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the Offenders Goods, and returning the Overplus as aforesaid: And all other penalties imposed by this Act, for which no way of levying is provided by the said former Laws and Ordinances, shall be levied by Warrant from any one Justice of Peace, Major, Bayliff or head Officer, by Distress and sale of the Offenders Goods; and for want of payment thereof, or such distress to be found, by setting the Offenders in the Stocks or Cage for the space of six hours. And it is likewise Enacted and Declared, That all Judges, Justices of Assize, and Justices of Peace at their Assizes or Quarter-Sessions, shall in their several and respective Circuits and Courts give in charge to the Grand Jury, to inquire of and present all neglects of Justices, Constables, and other Officers in the due execution of this present Act, and other Laws, Ordinances and Statutes made for the observation of the Lords-Day, and days of Publique Fasting and Thanksgiving, who are hereby strictly commanded to present the same. And it is also hereby Enacted, That the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, Sheriffs and Justices of Peace of the City of London, County of Middlesex, and City of Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, together with the Heads and Governors of the several Inns of Court and Chancery; and all and every Justice of Peace, Majors, Bayliffs, and other head Officers, and every of them, are hereby

hereby authorized and required to take a speedy
 and effectual course, by such means as they shall
 think most meet within their respective Juris-
 dictions, to restrain as aforesaid the prophanati-
 on of the said days; upon pain that the Lord
 Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Justices in
 London, and Middlesex, and Westminster, Heads of
 the several Inns of Court and Chancery, Ju-
 stices and other Head Officers, which shall neg-
 lect to do what belongs to their several duties
 and places therein, shall forfeit the sum of five
 pounds, to be levied in such manner as the Fines
 imposed on Justices of Peace for their neglects
 are hereby appointed to be levied as aforesaid.
 And it is Enacted and Declared by the authori-
 ty aforesaid, That this Act be forthwith printed,
 and bound up together with all the former Sta-
 tutes and Ordinances now in force, for obser-
 vation of the Lords-Day, Publique Fasting
 and Thanksgiving days, and published by the
 Justice of Peace, or Chief Officer or Officers a-
 fforesaid, and read at their next Quarter Sessi-
 ons after they shall receive the same; and also by
 them sent unto or left at the several houses of
 the Ministers of the respective Parishes within
 their respective limits, who are hereby required
 and appointed in all the Churches and Chappels
 within this Commonwealth, publickely to read
 or cause to be read, all and every the said Sta-
 tutes and Ordinances so bound up together, the
 next Lords-Day after he or they shall receive the
 same, before the morning Sermon; and that af-
 terwards once every year (viz.) Upon the first
 Lords-Day in March before the morning Sermon,
 they read or cause to be read likewise this present,
 and the former Acts & Ordinances aforesaid; the
 due performance whereof the said Justices of
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Peace and other Head-Officers are commanded to inquire after, and certifie the names of the persons making default in reading and publishing the premises, according to this present Act, to the Speaker of the Parliament, and in the intervals thereof, to the Council of State; and the Justices of Peace at their Quarter-Sessions, shall duly cause this Act, together with the said Statutes and Ordinances to be openly read. And it is lastly Enacted, That in any Action brought against any Justice of Peace, Constable, or any other Officer or person acting or doing, or commanding to be acted or done any thing in pursuance of this or any former Law, Act or Ordinance now in force touching or concerning any the Offences or matters aforesaid, the Defendant in every such Action shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the special matter in Evidence; and upon the Non-Suit of the Plaintiff, or verdict passing for the Defendant, the party Defendant shall have and recover his and their treble Costs, or at the election of such party, shall have his reparation by the Committee of Parliament for Indemnity. And it is hereby Ordained, That all persons whatsoever shall be ayding and assisting to all Justices of Peace, Head-Officers, Constables, and other Officers and persons, in the execution of this or the said former Acts and Ordinances in and concerning the premises.

Die Veneris, Decimo nono Aprilis, 1650.

ORdered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith Printed and Published.

Hen: Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.

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Anno primo Jacobi Regis.

CAP. XXII.

The Duty of Shoe-makers.

NO Cordwainer or Shoemaker shall shew, to the intent to put to sale, any Shoes, Boots, Buskins, Startups, Slippers or Pantofles upon the Sunday, upon pain of forfeiture for every pair of Shoes, Boots, Buskins, Startups, Slippers and Pantofles made, sold, shewed or put to sale, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, Three shillings four pence, and the just and full value of the same.

Anno primo Caroli Regis.

CAP. I.

There shall be no Assemblies for Unlawful Pastimes upon the Lords-Day.

FOrasmuch as there is nothing more acceptable to God, then the true and sincere Service and Worship of him, according to his holy will; and that the holy keeping of the Lords-day, is a principal part of the true Service of God, which in very many places of this Realm hath been, and now is prophaned and neglected by a disorderly sort of people, in exercising and frequenting Bear-baiting, Bull-baiting, Enterludes, Common Plays, and other unlawful exercises and pastimes upon the Lords-day: And

for that many quarrels, bloodsheds, and other great inconveniences have grown, by the resort and concourse of people going out of their own Parishes to such disordered and unlawful exercises and pastimes, neglecting Divine worship both in their own Parishes and elsewhere; Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after forty days next after the end of this Session of Parliament, there shall be no Meetings, Assemblies or Concourse of people out of their own Parishes on the Lords-Day within this Realm of England, or any the Dominions thereof, for any sports and pastimes whatsoever; nor any Bear-baiting, Bull-baiting, Enterludes, Common Plays, or other unlawful exercises and pastimes used by any person or persons within their own Parishes; and that every person and persons offending in any the premises, shall forfeit for every offence Three shillings four pence, the same to be imployed and converted to the use of the poor of the Parish where such offence shall be committed: And that if any one Justice of the Peace of the County, or the chief Officer or Officers of any City, Borough or Town Corporate where such offence shall be committed, upon his or their view, or confession of the party, or proof of any one or more witnesses by Oath, which the said Justice or Chief Officer or Officers shall by virtue of this Act have authority to minister, shall finde any person offending in the premises, the said Justice or Chief Officer or Officers shall give Warrant under his or their hand and Seal, to the Constables or Church-wardens of the Parish or Parishes where such offence shall be committed,

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committed, to levy the said penalty so to be assessed, by way of Distress and sale of the Goods of every such Offender, rendering to the said Offenders the overplus of the money raised of the said Goods so to be sold : And in default of such Distress, that the party offending be set publickly in the Stocks by the space of three hours; And that if any man be sued or impeached for the execution of this Law, he shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the said matter of justification in Evidence. Provided, That no man be impeached by this Act, except he be called in question within one moneth next after the said offence committed. Provided also, That the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within this Realm, or any the Dominions thereof, by vertue of this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not be abridged, but that the Ecclesiastical Court may punish the said offences, as if this Act had not been made.

Annotertio Caroli Regis.

CAP. I.

A restraint of divers abuses committed on the Lords-Day.

FOrasmuch as the Lords-Day, commonly called Sunday, is much broken and profaned by Carriers, Waggoners, Carters, Wain-men, Butchers and Drovers of Cattel, to the great dishonor of God, and reproach of Religion; Be it therefore Enacted by the Kings most excellent Majesty, and the Lords and Commons

mons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no Carrier with any horse or horses, nor Waggon-men with any Waggon or Waggon, nor Carmen with any Cart or Carts, nor Wainmen with any Wain or Wains, nor Drovers with any Cattel, shall after forty days next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, by themselves or any other, travel upon the said Day; upon pain that every person and persons so offending, shall lose and forfeit Twenty shillings for every such offence: Or if any Butcher by himself, or any other for him, by his privity or consent, shall after the end of the said forty days, kill or sell any Victual upon the said day; that then every such Butcher shall forfeit and lose for every such Offence, the sum of Six shillings and eight pence; the said offences and every of them being done in view of any Justice of the Peace, Mayor, or other Head-Officer of any City or Town Corporate, within their limits respectively, or being proved upon Oath by two or more witnesses, or by the confession of the party offending, before any such Justice, Mayor or Head-Officer within their several Limits respectively, wherein such offence shall be committed; To which end every such Justice, Mayor or Head-Officer shall have power by this Act to minister an Oath to such witness or witnesses; all which sums or penalties shall or may be levied by any Constable or Church-Warden, by Warrant from any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, Mayor or other Head-Officer as aforesaid, within their several Limits, where such offence shall be committed or done, by Distress and sale of the offenders goods, rendering to the party the overplus; or shall be recovered by any person or persons that will

Will sue for the same, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record, in any City or Town Corporate, before His Majesties Justices of the Peace, in their General Sessions of the Peace: All which forfeitures shall be imployed to and for the use of the poor of the Parishes where the said offences shall be committed or done, saving onely that it shall be lawful to and for any such Justice, Major or head-Officer, out of the said forfeitures, to reward any such person or persons that shall inform, or otherwise prosecute any person or persons offending against this present Act, according to their discretion, so that such reward exceed not the third part of the forfeiture. Provided, That such Bill, Plaint or Information shall be commenced, sued and prosecuted in the County, City or Town Corporate, where such offence shall be committed and done, and not elsewhere, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed to the Defendant. Provided always, That it shall be lawful for any Constable or Churchwarden, that shall have any Suit or Action brought against them for any Distress by them or any of them to be taken by force of this present Act, to plead the General Issue, and to give the special matter in Evidence. Provided likewise, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall be impeached by this Act, unless he be thereof questioned within six moneths after the offence committed. Provided further, That this Act shall not in any sort abridge or take away the Authority of the Court Ecclesiastical.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the better observation of the Lords-Day.

FOrasmuch as the Lords-Day, notwithstanding several good Laws heretofore made, hath been not onely greatly prophaned, but divers ungodly Books have been published by the Prelatical Faction, against the Morality of that Day, and to countenance the prophanation of the same, to the manifest indangering of souls, prejudice of the true Religion, great dishonour of Almighty God, and provocation of his just Wrath and indignation against this Land; The Lords and Commons for remedy thereof, Do Order and Ordain, and be it Ordered and Ordained, That all the Laws Enacted and in force, concerning the observation of the Lords-Day, be carefully put in execution; and that all and singular person and persons Whatsoever, shall on every Lords-Day apply themselves to the Sanctification of the same, by exercising themselves thereon, in the duties of Piety and true Religion, publickely and privately: And that no person or persons Whatsoever, shall publickely cry, shew forth or expose to sale, any Wares, Merchandizes, Fruit, Herbs, Goods or Chattels Whatsoever, upon the Lords-Day, or any part thereof; upon pain that every person so offending shall forfeit the same goods so cryed, shewed forth or put to sale: And that no person or persons Whatsoever, shall without reasonable cause for the same, travel, carry burthens, or do any worldly labors or work Whatsoever, upon that day or any part thereof; upon pain that every one travelling contrary to the meaning of this Ordinance,

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Ordinance, shall forfeit for every offence Ten shillings of lawful money; and that every person carrying any burthen, or doing any worldly labor or work, contrary to the meaning heretof, shall forfeit Five shillings of like money for every such offence.

And be it further Ordained, That no person or persons shall hereafter upon the Lords Day, use, exercise, keep, maintain, or be present at any wrestlings, Shooting, Bowling, Ringing of Bells for pleasure or pastime, Masque, Wake, otherwise called Feasts, Church Ale, Dancing, Games, Sport or Pastime whatsoever; upon pain that every person so offending, being above the age of Fourteen years, shall lose and forfeit Five shillings for every such offence.

And be it further Ordained, That all and singular person and persons, that have the care, government, tuition or education of any childe or children, under or within the age of Fourteen years, shall forfeit and lose Twelve pence for every of the said offences that shall be committed by any such childe and children.

And because the prophanation of the Lords Day hath been heretofore greatly occasioned by May-Poles (a heathenish Vanitie, generally abused to Superstition and wickedness) The Lords and Commons do further Order and Ordain, That all and singular May-Poles, that are or shall be erected, shall be taken down and removed by the Constables, Borholders, Tythingmen, petty Constables and Churchwardens of the parishes and places where the same be; and that no May-pole shall be hereafter set up, erected, or suffered to be within this Kingdom of England or Dominion of Wales.

And it is further Ordained, That if any of
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the said Officers shall neglect to do their Office in the premises, within one week after notice of this Ordinance, every of them for such neglect shall forfeit five shillings of lawful moneys, and so from week to week, weekly five shillings more afterwards, till the said May-pole shall be taken down and removed.

And that if any Justice of the Peace of the County, or the chief Officer or Officers, or any Justice of the Peace of or within any City, Borough or Town Corporate, where the said Offences shall be committed, upon his or their view, or confession of the party, or proof of any one or more witnesses by Oath (which the said Justice, Chief Officer or Officers, is authorized by this Ordinance to minister) shall finde any person offending in the premises, the said Justice, or chief Officer or Officers, shall give warrant under his or their hand and Seal, to the Constables or Church-Wardens of the Parish or Parishes where such offence shall be committed, to seize the said Goods cryed, shewed forth, or put to sale as aforesaid; and to levy the said other forfeitures or penalties by way of Distress, and sale of the Goods of every such Offender, rendering to the said Offenders the overplus of the moneys raised thereby; And in default of such Distress, or in case of insufficiency, or inability of the offender to pay the said forfeitures or penalties, that the party offending be set publickly in the Stocks by the space of three hours. And all and singular the forfeitures or penalties aforesaid, shall be imployed and converted to the use of the poor of the Parish where the said offences shall be committed; saving onely, that it shall and may be lawful to, and for any such Justice, Major or Head-Officer or Officers, out of the said

said forfeitures or penalties, to reward any person or persons that shall inform of any offence against this Ordinance, according to their discretions; so as such reward exceed not the third part of the forfeiture or penalties.

And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That the Kings Declaration concerning observing of Wakes, and use of exercise and recreation upon the Lords Day; the Book entituled, The Kings Majesties Declaration to his Subjects, concerning lawful sports to be used; and all other Books and Pamphlets that have been or shall be written, printed or published against the morality of the fourth Commandment, or of the Lords Day, or to countenance the prophanation thereof, be called in, seized and suppressed, and publickely burnt by the Justices of Peace, or some or one of them, or by the chief Officer or Officers aforesaid, in their severall limits, or by their Warrant or Command. Provided, and be it Declared, That nothing in this Ordinance shall extend to the prohibiting of dressing of meat in private Families; or the dressing and sale of Victuals in a moderate way in Inns or Victualling-houses, for the use of such as otherwise cannot be provided for; or to the crying and selling of Milk before nine of the clock in the morning, or after four of the clock in the afternoon, from the Tenth of September, till the Tenth of March; or before eight of the clock in the morning, or after five of the Clock in the afternoon, from the Tenth of March till the Tenth of September.

And Whereas there is great breach of the Sabbath by Rogues, Vagabonds and Beggars, it is further Ordained, That the Lord Mayor of the City of London, and all Justices of Peace, Constables,

Constables, Churchwardens, and other Officers and Ministers whatsoever, shall from time to time cause all Laws against Rogues, Vagabonds and Beggars to be put in due execution; and take order that all Rogues, Vagabonds and Beggars, do on every Sabbath-Day repair to some Church or Chappel, and remain there soberly and orderly during the time of Divine worship: And that all and singular person and persons, that shall do any thing in the execution of this Ordinance, shall be protected and saved harmless by the Power and Authority of Parliament.

And be it further Ordained, That this Ordinance be printed and published, and read in all Parish Churches and Chappels, before the Sermon in the morning, on some Lords-day before the First of May next, on the South-side of Trent, and before the First of June next, on the North-side of Trent.

Die Sabbathi, 6 Aprilis, 1644.

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